

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6621
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AIR SERVICES TO LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to introduce new ATR flight services to Lakshadweep Islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is also a proposal to extend the runway/airstrip of Agatti airport in Lakshadweep;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) and (b):- At present, Air India and Kingfisher Airlines are operating four flights each per week on Cochin-Agatti-Cochin route.
- (c) and (d):- Yes, Madam. The Master Plan with a request for provision of required additional land and reclamation of the lagoon was projected to Administration of Lakshadweep to be provided free of cost to Airports Authority of India (AAI) for extension of Runway 04/22 by 366m so as to enable operation of ATR-72-500 type of aircraft without load restrictions alongwith associated infrastructure.
- (e):- Does not arise.